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Did You Know?

Distances

1 mile = 80 chains = 320 poles, rods or perches = 5,280 feet

1 chain = 4 poles, rods, or perches = 66 feet = 100 links

1 pole, rod, perch = 25 links = $16 \frac{1}{2}$ feet

1 link = 7.92 inches

Square Measure

1 square mile = 640 acres

1 acre = 10 square chains = 160 square poles, rods, or perches = 43,560 square feet

1 square chain = 16 square poles, rods, or perches = 10,000 square links

1 square pole, rod, or perch = $272 \frac{1}{4}$ square feet

More About:

Cemeteries:

Treasurer Keith Phelps called our attention to an article appearing in an early March 2006 issue of a state newspaper concerning cemeteries. Our effort to reprint that article for our members failed, but the "gist" of the matter was as follows:

For as long as she could remember, a North Carolina woman visited her grandparents' grave sites in a pasture near Zebulon. Apparently there are no markers but the lady could remember the site by other means of identification. When the urge hit her, she visited so as to "feel close" to her ancestors. When owners began selling off the property, the gravesites became forbidden territory and a lawsuit resulted.

The article further noted: "A person's right to visit a grave rests with N.C. General Statute 65-74 and 65-75, which also allows relatives and others to maintain and restore the grave. State law allows a county's clerk of court to rule on grave visitation and maintenance disputes as a special proceeding."

We are all aware of the continued destruction and disappearance of the 100s of cemeteries here in Washington County. We know, too, that despite laws protecting those grave sites, destruction continues at a rapid pace. Sometimes, it is because there are no longer relatives alive to keep up those graves. We continue to be indebted to Vance and Veronica Haskett for their perseverance in locating those cemeteries and recording information found on headstones and at the courthouse. Those records are invaluable for researchers, today and in the future.

Ambrose Reunion

The Ambrose Family reunion will be held on Saturday, June 3, 2006 at the Chowan County Fairgrounds in Edenton, NC. The building is air conditioned, handicap accessible, and parking is free.

Doors will open at 10:00 a.m. and lunch will be served at 1:00 p.m.

Mr. Harry Thompson from the Port O'Plymouth Museum in Plymouth, NC will be the guest speaker.

This year our meal will be catered by Nixons. Because our meal is being prepared for us, the reunion organizers need to know ahead of time whether you are coming. To get on the mailing list for the reunion,

The people at Plymouth were not attentive at first, but audiences increased until we had very large crowds. The Methodists were very kind to us. We had four confessions and baptisms, organized a mission point, and arranged for Bro. Davenport to preach for them monthly. The meeting was held in the old schoolhouse back of Peel's buggy shop.

The first officers chosen were Nelson Waters, John Stillman and Frank Crary. Others among these earliest members were: Mrs. Nelson Waters and her two daughters, Connie and Pearl. Mrs. Lena J. Stillman, Emma Gurkin, Mary Smith, Mrs. Alice Ayers, Mrs. Matilda Bunch, Jrs. John Stocks, and Mrs. Blount. Mrs. Stocks had lived in Plymouth since shortly after 1865, having been a Disciple at her old home in Lenoir County, near Kinston. She and Mrs. Bunch had been members at Christian Hope. . . (Ware, Albemarle Annals p. 73)

Security

November 15 1954

State Park Memorandum No. 41
Subject: Downed Enemy Aircraft,
Equipment and Personnel

The United States Air Force has requested that all field personnel of the Division of State Parks be on the look-out for downed enemy aircraft, equipment and personnel.

In the event enemy aircraft, equipment and personnel, is downed in or near your State Park, please proceed as instructed in the attached pamphlet, "The 4602nd Air Intelligence Service Squadron, Mission, Capabilities, Requirements, Air Defense Command."

I suggest that you have each permanent employee at your park thoroughly familiarize himself with this memorandum and the contents of this pamphlet.

/s/ Thomas W. Morse, Superintendent of State Parks. (Cc: Mr. McIntyre)

More About Story Telling

As days fly by, it becomes more evident we need to follow the advice of Dorothy Redford Spruill of Somerset Place State Historic Site, who, when speaking at a WCGS meeting some time ago, advised (admonished!) us to tell our stories, record our memories, and if of a younger generation, arrange to record the stories of our elders before they are forever gone. Realizing my own propensity to forget more and more,

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RECOMMENDED TO: Paul E. Zimmerman
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We think security problems began with 9/11?

or remember less and less, rereading an article which appears in the book of collected stories "The Class of 47 Was Me," in which one writer states her father was involved in capturing German prisoners of war which were subsequently housed in a facility now occupied by an industrial firm in Beaufort County. Having been of an age to remember fairly well some incidents of the World War II period, I also remember quite clearly the site having been a prison camp for local folks who had broken the law. We traveled past the camp often and saw prisoners about the fenced in yard. My search over the years about POW camps in our state produced no information about a camp ever operating in Beaufort County. POWs in the area were housed at the camp in Williamston, Martin County, NC. My own family story on that subject relates to my grandfather, Charles Montgomery Beacham, who lived and farmed in the Macedonia community down US 17. Granddaddy first visited the camp to get a truck load of men to help with farm work. I recall him being upset because those men were going to have to eat cold beans and bread for their midday meal. He instructed my grandmother to double up on the food she was cooking, told the POWs to dump their cold beans and bread into the pig trough. From that day on, POWs were said to line up at the fence wanting to go home with Cap'n Charlie.

Some folks believe everything they read and so thru the coming years, a younger generation will always believe a POW camp existed near the banks of the Tar River which divides Beaufort from Pitt Counties.

If any of our members / readers have information about Prisoner of War

For Fifty Six Years This Country Doctor Served

Dr. William Hardy Hardison of Creswell Has Found
His Reward in Life of Service and at Age of 79
Is the Beloved Physician of Two Counties

By CLYDE SPURGEON SAWYER
Pineville South Norfolk Baptist Church

It was Dr. William Hardy Hardison, a native of Creswell, who served as the county doctor for 56 years. He was born in 1901 and died in 1977. He was a member of the South Norfolk Baptist Church and a member of the Creswell Baptist Church.

Dr. Hardison was born in Creswell, North Carolina, on March 1, 1901. He was the son of William Hardy Hardison and Mary Elizabeth Hardison. He was educated in the public schools of Creswell and attended the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. He received his medical degree from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill in 1924.

Dr. Hardison began his medical career in Creswell, North Carolina, in 1924. He served as the county doctor for 56 years. He was a member of the South Norfolk Baptist Church and a member of the Creswell Baptist Church. He was a member of the American Medical Association and the North Carolina Medical Association.

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Advance Wed. August 13, 1924

(POW) camps in eastern North Carolina during World War II they are willing to share, we will be glad to include that info in future issues. We know there has been a lot of publicity about the Williamston camp over the years.

Also wanted: Information on the Weede family.

WEEDE FAMILY CEMETERY

1. base of headstone, upper part missing, no information.
2. Emma W. Daughter of C.C. & C.?N? Spruill, Born Oct. 29(?), 1902, Died Aug. 10, 1903, epitaph illegible.
3. Emma R., Wife of C.C. Spruill, Born Oct. 20, 1880, Died Oct. 30, 1902, epitaph illegible.
4. Large headstone on ground, illegible, appears quite old.
5. Double headstone - Auers (Ayers) Robert A., 1856-1936 Martha E. 1860-1935
7. headstone-illegible
8. Lewis C., ? Weed, born ... (in ground)
9. Infant Floyd Weede, Born Sept. 26, 1908 (in ground)
10. Bessie H., wife of L.T. Weede, Born Feb. 28, 1882, Died Apr. 28, 1904, Age 27 yrs. 2 months
11. Infant Babies of Lewis T. & Bessie H. Weede, born Dec. 30, 1899, Died Jan. 31, 1900.
12. William Asa, Son of L.T. & Bessie Weed, born Mar. 18, 1904(?), died July 27, 1904, age 4 mo. 9(?) days.
13. Double headstone - DAVENPORT; Footstone not located, possibly buried. Roy B. Davenport, Born Feb. 9, 1901 Died May 29, 1940.
15. W. R. Davenport, Born Apr. 9, 1887(?), Died July 20, 1905.
16. Pattie E., Wife of W.B. Day, Born Aug 5, 1840, Died April 27, 1904 -
17. W.C. Weede, Nov. 14, 1848 - May 24, 1928 -
18. A.J. Davenport, Oct. 30, 1881-Dec. 17, 1908, epitaph illegible.
19. Ardene Tetterton, Wife of Andrew Davenport, Nov. 22, 1868-April 4, 1937 -
20. Infant of M.C. and Elizabeth Darden, 1905, F.S.
21. Son of Mr. and Mrs. C.S. Spruill, Jan. 19, 1908.
22. Morticians marker, no info.
23. Minnie M., Daughter of E.W. & H.L. Tetterton, Born Oct. 9, 1900, Died Dec. 27, 1901, epitaph illegible.
24. Lena Ernestine Davenport, Sept. 3, 1906-Feb.? 1907, F.S.
25. Tetterton, John B., 1880-1950.
26. Donnie Mae Tetterton, Born May 19, 1918, Died Sept. 14, 1935. At rest.
27. Morticians marker, no info.
28. Stillman, M. John, 1887-1952.
29. Monnie Hollon Davenport, North Carolina Private, 6 Prov. Co., World War, rest of stone and inscription buried.
30. Brick vault, morticians marker, no info.
31. Morticians marker, no info.
32. Double headstone: CRADDOCK; Azor, 1885-1950; Viola, 1883-1934, F.S. V.C. (Azar Craddock died 10 Apr 1950 [B22/p208 Washington Co Deaths] son of Azar Craddock and Annie Jackson) (Susan) Viola Craddock died 27 October 1934 (B9/p 74, daughter of Samuel Stillman and Emily Modlin)
33. Morticians marker, pipe fence frame around single grave, metal tag attached to frame of pipe: Edward Wilson Ellis, Born 19 Oct. 1932, Died Aug. 15, 1954.

Concord Homecoming 2006 -

Third Saturday in September - 17th - 11 a.m.

Bottom photo: Shared by Judy Mayo - from Homecoming 2005



WASHINGTON COUNTY (NC) GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY
Membership Application and Order Form

Name: _____

Address: _____

City, St Zip: _____

E-Mail: _____

Researching: _____

Membership Fee: Family (\$18) Individual \$15): \$

Membership Fees are for Full Calendar Year

Order Form:**Census:**

_____	1800-1810-1820 Census	\$10.00
_____	1830 Census	\$10.00
_____	1840 Census	\$10.00
_____	1850 Census	\$10.00
_____	1860 Census	\$10.00
_____	1880 Census	\$12.00

Cemeteries:

_____	Volume I - Plymouth Township	\$17.00
_____	Volume II - Lees Mill Township	\$17.00
_____	Volume III - Scuppernon Township	\$17.00

Other

_____	Washington County NC Marriages: Volume I	\$05.00
_____	Civil War Reader: (1995-2000 in one)	\$18.00

_____	Washington County, NC: a Tapestry (Published by Washington County Bicentennial Committee)	\$40.00
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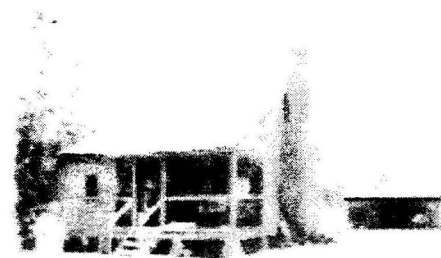
_____	Concord Minutes 1810-1978 (Published by Concord Primitive Baptist Church Preservation Society, Inc.)	\$20.00
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Add \$3 s/h 1st item, \$.50 each additional item \$ _____

TOTAL ENCLOSED: \$ _____

Davenport Homestead

Home of Daniel Davenport,
Washington County
first settler (1800)



Sign and welcome to visitors the historical site of
Davenport Homestead, Washington County,
North Carolina

Location: 16 Miles Road
Davenport, NC 27962
Phone: 252-238-1111

Don't Forget!
1st Saturday in June!

Make check payable to WCGS and mail to: WCGS, Attn: Treasurer; Box 567; Plymouth NC 27962-0567
 (for info email: bluegrassboy@hotmail.com)

Next WCGS Meeting: 16th July 2006

Plymouth NC - 2:30 p.m.

Recommended reading: Plymouth Native Don Brown's Navy Justice Series - Zondervan

please send Ginny Ambrose Cummings your name and address at: ginnycummings@charter.net Hope to see you there! Many thanks, Jean Robinson - phatmom@snet.net

Craven County

The Craven County Genealogical Society is presenting a seminar on April 29, 2006. We will appreciate it if you will announce the seminar to your members. We welcome any genealogists in the area to take part in this informational program. If you need additional information contact our president, Louise Knight at 252-514-0614, or Mac Bonnett at mac@wavetop.com We look forward to seeing some of your members at the seminar.
Mac Bonnett

39th Reynolds Family Reunion

10:00 AM - Sunday May 7th, 2006 Bethlehem Primitive Baptist Church in Tyrrell County NC

This is a reunion of the descendants of William Reynolds Jr. and his sister Matilda Jane Reynolds Spencer, both originally from Chelsea, England. William Reynolds Jr. lived in Tyrrell County and became a Primitive Baptist Preacher, while Matilda Jane Reynolds Spencer and husband Nathan Spencer lived at Mill Pond near Roper in Washington County and ran a local store.

Everyone is encouraged to bring any items of family interest that they have (such as old pictures, family Bibles, diaries or handiwork) to the reunion for "show and tell".

AGENDA: 10:00 - 10:30 AM Registration and Fellowship; 10:30 - 12:00 PM Business Meeting and Program- Welcome and Invocation- ;Announcements- ;Kids Corner- ;Minutes and Treasurer Report- ;Memorial Service-

Program: "Reynolds Family - The First 3 Generations"- ;Election of Officers- ;Old Business / New Business- Family Lines Count- ;Recognitions and Show & Tell- ;Closing 12:00 - ??? ;Picnic Lunch 1:30 PM ; Bethlehem PBC Preservation Society Annual Meeting

Directions to Bethlehem PB Church: Take US Highway 64 to Columbia NC. At traffic light head south onto NC Route 94 for about 2 miles, and take right onto Newlands Road. The church is 1/8 mile west, park in the yard. Contact: Mark Bateman, President - (860)464-1715, Jimmy Fleming, Vice President - (252)796-2361, Gail Reynolds, Treasurer - (252)796-9471 Submitter: Mark Bateman, President of Reynolds Family Association ;Address: 35 Seabury Avenue, Ledyard, CT 06339 Phone: (W) 860-433-4417, (H) 860-464-1715 E-mail: PABATEMAN@AOL.COM

McNair Reunion

Annual McNair Family Reunion is held each May in Plymouth. No details available. We'd appreciate family info for inclusion in our newsletter.

Swinsons

On 21 February 2000, WCGS presented Washington County Library a copy of *Swinsons and Related Families - Virginia, North Carolina to Georgia by 1812* by Virginia Swinson Vickers and published in 1998.

Charles Horton

January 22, 1932 - *Roanoke Beacon*. "Comrades of Civil War Days Meet Here for First Time in Years; Experiences Recalled" - 90-year old Horton, who had been with the 32nd North Carolina Regiment under General Eure, and the Rev. Newsome H. Harrison, "friends for more than three-quarters of a century" met on the streets of Plymouth for the first time in years. Horton was a former slave. Article also mentions Oscar Downing, who lived to be 105 years old; W. H. Hampton, Stuart Johnson, Lieutenant Fagan, Ira Hardison, Rush and Frank Gaylord as well as General Lee.

In the June 28, 1935, a story appears: "Eye Witness Tells of Lee's Surrender to General U. S. Grant" Subtitled: "Charles Norton, 95 Years Old, Says General Did Not Hand Grant Sword" Charles Horton was described as being of the Long Ridge section of Washington County. The story concludes with a quote from

Recorder J. W. Darden saying Horton was a remarkable old man who wanted to get married at the age of 95. Horton had a 20 acre farm on which "he earns a livelihood." Horton died in October 1935. (See *Washington County, N.C. - a Tapestry* [WCBC 1999] pages 312-314; 440)

Jury List

Plymouth Township: M. M. Respass, Alfonza Lynox, W. H. Cooper, J. C. Spruill, Thos N. _____ierce, Asa J. Allen, Jno. A. Morris, J. N. Padgett, B. D. Ba_____, Edgar Ayers, J. P. Hillard, Jr., L. P. Hornthal.

Lees Mill Township: A. W. Oliver, Sandy Gaynor, J. W. Gaylord, T. M. Chesson, J. P. Clagon, Thos. Knowles, G. W. Lewis, C. H. Moore, W. T. Spruill, J. M. Chesson.

Skiddersville Township: Abram Swain, D. F. Bateman, J. A. Stillman, H. H. Patrick, H. J. Starr, _____, S. Parson.

Scuppernong Township: W. F. Owens, Tilman Gaskins, D. D. Barnes, A. W. Phelps, Jas. B. Ambrose, Asa D. Snell, John J. Powers, H. P. Ambrose. Source: *The Roanoke Beacon* - Friday, March 30, 1894 (Transcribed by Barbara M. Revels.)

"Beacon Flashes"

Gardens look sick.

Trunks at wholesale prices at the Racket Store.

See W. N. Cooper's new advertisement in this issue.

Mr. J. S. Norman of Skiddersville was in town this week.

We fear the record cold snap did much damage to fruit and truck.

C. B. Corsets, best on Earth, at the Racket Store.

The Racket Store has placed a neat sign in front of their store on Water street.

Miss Pattie Latham of Mackey's Ferry, was in town this week visiting relatives.

Good pant cloth 10¢ per yard at the Racket Store.

Several of our people expect to take in Hunter's circus on Monday, on Monday next.

The cold wave on Monday and Tuesday was a gentle reminder that winter had not left us.

For floor Matting call on HORNTHAL & ALEXANDER.

Miss Sudie Cooper, of Bay, Tyrrell county, has been visiting relatives in this place during the past week.

The children of Mr. W. B. Wilson, of Greenville, have been visiting their aunt, Mrs. A. Barden, this week.

Ladies, for nice dress gingham or dress percales go to Hornthal & Alexander's.

We are sorry to learn that Dr. W. H. Cooper continues quite sick at the home of his parents in Tyrrell county.

Mrs. W. A. Forbes of Roper, with her children, is visiting her parents, Mr. And Mrs. A. M. Johnston at Roseneath.

Mrs. Loula Cheas? Who has been teaching at Center Hill, this State, for the past few months, returned home Monday.

Misses Nannie and Sadi Eborn, of Creswell, are here visiting friends and a certain yard st__ck manipulator is a happy man.

NOTIONS, the largest stock to be seen in town at HORNTHAL & ALEXANDER'S.

Mr. J. F. Norman and family, Capt. G. V. Henry and wife and Miss Marcie Latham are visiting in Baltimore this week.

Mr. J.____ Keeter has been absent this week at New Berne and other places on a prospecting tour. Don't leave us friend "Kee."

N____shirts with detachible collars or with collars at Hornthal & Alexander.

The Easter services at our churches on Sunday were very appropriate though the inclement weather forbade large attendance.

Master Carl Barden Wilson,. Who has been visiting in Greenville, has returned home to the delight of his many little friends.

Sullivan's shoes for ladies. Best on earth. Every pair warranted, at the Racket Store.

The first Monday in May will be a busy day in our town, Meeting of County Commissioners, Board of Education, election of town officers and the first day of Superior Court.

Mr. Thos. Long, who has been sojourning with his son Mr. W. W. Long, at Sanford, Fla. for several months, returned home last week. He reports a most pleasant trip.

Thirbet cloth and India linen with fancy polka dots. Something new at Hornthal & Alexander's.

Mr. Harry Burton of Parmele spent Sunday in our town. Mr. Burton resided here for a short time some years ago and his many friends are always glad to see him.

The Plymouth Dramatic Club informs us that they will play with any of the neighboring towns only upon invitation. This club give a first class entertainment and the proceeds go for religious purposes only.

"Imogene or the Witch's Secret" together with "The Backward Child" and "Uncle Jack" was played Tuesday night at the Town Hall with marked success. For once home talent was largely patronized.

The prettiest and cheapest line of neck wear for gentlemen is now displayed at Hornthal & Alexander.

Two colored men while at work at Mr. W. H. Hampton's "Kitty Hawk" fishery on Monday became involved in a fight. One of them struck the other on the head with a club making a deep gash which came near resulting in death.

Rev. J.Faulk, colored of E. City, who is also pastor of Zion Hill Baptist church of this town has been conducting a series of meetings here for two weeks, will close on Sunday. The baptism of converts will take place at Green Hill at 9 o'clock, a.m., Sunday. Already 22 have been added to the church membership.

Itch on human, mange on horses, dogs and all stock, cured in 30 minutes by Woolford's Sanitary Lotion. This never fails. Sold by J. W. Bryan, Druggist, Plymouth, N.C.

We speak in time, that in selecting town officers to be elected in May, we want men who oppose a dark town and are in favor of keeping cattle off the streets. We have nothing to say against the present incumbents. They are ok with this exception,. In the name of civilization and progress, give us more light and less cattle. Roanoke Beacon, Friday, March 30, 1894

Thos. S. Armistead, Esq. left yesterday per steamer *Plymouth* for Washington, D.C., where he goes on business. He will be absent several weeks and will visit relatives in Virginia and Baltimore before his return. Society will sadly miss genial and ever-ready-to-aid presence, while those who so often seek his professional advice, will long to see him again in his office at the Court House, so don't stay long, old friend.

"The people of this vicinity insist on having Chamberlain's Cough Remedy and do not want any other," says John V. Bishop of Portland Mills, Indiana. That is right. They know it to be superior to any other for colds, and as a preventive and cure for croup, and why should they not insist upon having it. 50 cent bottles for sale by Plymouth Drug Co.

From Creswell

Creswell, N.,C. Mar. 26, '94 Editor ROANOKE BEACON

Mr. Saml. Baynor of your place, passed through our town Saturday.

Dr. W. H. Cooper, accompanied by his sister, Miss Sudie, was in our midst Saturday.

Misses Carrie Alexander and Clara Spruill, both of Columbia, are the guests of Mr. A. G. Walker.

Quite a change in the atmosphere. We had a very rainy and disagreeable day Easter and a little snow today.

We had road days in our town last Thursday and Friday, and we find the streets very wet and muddy at present.

We are glad to see the M. P. Church of this place progressing so well. It is far from being completed, yet it can be used. There will be preaching in it on the 3rd Sunday morning in next month.

The rain did not prevent the Sunday school children from having a little Easter celebration yesterday afternoon at St. Davis's (David's?). 1st They formed a procession in the yard and marched in singing "Onward Christian Soldiers" with music of the organ furnished by the artistic touch of Miss nannie Eborn. 2nd Hymn "Brightly gleams our Banner" 3rd Address by Rev. L. E. Eborn. 4th Presentation of missionary boxes and Easter cards presented to each child. 5th Hymn 6th Prayer. This ends the programme. Everything was carried on very nicely and quite a number were present. (Transcribed by Barbara M. Revels.)

Once Removed, Twice Removed???

Taking the Confusion Out of Removing

The term "removed" is a cause for confusion when determining relationships. What it really means is that two people are from different generations. For example, you and your first cousin are in the same generation. The term "removed" would not apply to your relationship.

The term "once removed" means that there is a difference of one generation between related family members. Your mother's first cousin is your first cousin "once removed." This difference in relationship is the fact that you are one generation removed from that cousin.

Think of it this way. The generation starts with your maternal grandparents. Your mother and her cousin are one generation younger than their parents (your grandparents). You are one generation younger than your parents and two generations younger than your grandparents (your mother's parents). This one generation difference means you are one (once) generation (removed).

Add another generation to this and you have "twice removed." Thinking back to the grandparents, you are two generations removed from their cousins. Your grandmother's first cousin is your first cousin "twice removed". (Copied, Tyrrell County Genealogical and Historical Society, Feb. 2002)

Obituary

William "Bill" Robert Darden Sr., 84, (born 6 June 1920, Plymouth, Washington County, NC) died 21 February 2005. A graduate of Plymouth High School, Darden served in the Navy with the British Commandoes. He was a World War II prisoner of war in Africa and was the first Navy sailor to receive the Purple Heart medal. (Parents: Asa Thomas and Vandelia Asby Darden.)

Obituary

The subject of this sketch, Brother Samuel T. Harrison, was born near the town of Plymouth in Washington County, North Carolina on September, 30th 1849, and departed this life on October, 28th 1931 making a stay on earth of 82 years and 29 days.

In July 1875 he was united in the holy bonds of matrimony to Miss Sarah ?. McCasky. Of this union six children were born, one boy and five girls. Three children preceed him to the grave, the boy and two girls. He leaves a widow (a dear mother in Israel) and three devoted children to mourn, but not as those without hope, for his exemplary life and true devotion to his Master's cause give evidence of his acceptance with the Father, and while they miss him, they would not wish him back, fully believing he is niow resting from toil and pain.

Bro. Harrison experienced a good hope many years before he united with the Church. When the writer was a mere lad Bro. Harrison's love and devotion was manifested by his orderly walk and Godly conversation. He gave as his reason for not uniting with the Church his felt sense of unworthiness. "But in the day of My power, My people shall be a willing people", saith the Lord. In the year 1926, the month of August he came before the Church at Morattock and begged for a home, was joyfully received and baptized into full fellowship by the writer. His love for the Church and for his Master was truly remarkable. His greatest joy

was to meet with his brethren to hear and speak of the goodness of God. A short while after uniting with the Church he was set apart to the office of deacon, which office he filled to the time of his death.

About two years after uniting with the Church, his faith was surely (?) Tried by a trouble brought into the Church by the disorderly walkj of one of her brothers, though by the flesh related, he recognized a higher relationship to God, and to the Church and her good order. For this he was made to bear the frowns and sensurs of those who had once professed to love him, but none of those things moved him, for standing by the power of the Holy Spirit in that faith once delivered to the Saints, he was blessed to see the dear old Church restored to order.

Bro. Harrison suffered greatly in his last two years on earth. Everything that loving hands could do was done to releive him, but only God could do this. In the death of Deacon Harrison the wife has lost a good husband -, the children a kind and loving father, the Church a faithful devoted member, but our loss we feel is his eternal gain, therefore we desire to be resigned to the providence(?) Of God and would? Now direct His loved _____ to look to Jesus for consolation.

In conclusion I pray that all Israel may be saved, I do not feel to have done justice in my attempt to write this obituary, but with a hope to meet beyond this veil of tears all the redeemed of the Lord, will close.

By one who dearly loved him,

Morattoc Primitive Baptist Church

Washing County, North Carolina

Whereas, certain members of our body have followed Elder N. H. Harrison and (who for disorder stands lawfully excluded from the Primitive baptist Communion, and Church at Morattoc) in his disorderly course thereby causing confusion and a division among us therefore be it

Resolved:

That the members of said Morattoc Church, (whose names are herto by them affixed) Who bitterly oppose Elder Harrison and his followers in their disorderly course and desiring the restoration of peace and good order of Our dear Old Church, do hereby humbly request our Sister Churches to Sit with us in Council, "Concord, White Plains, Smithwick Creek, Bear Grass, an Skewarky, als the following elders, W(.) M(.) Stubbs, W. B. Clifton John H Rogerson B. S. Cowin and J. S. Corbitt, Saturday before the third Sunday in July 1930 hoping and praying for peace and the guidance of the Holy Spirit in our every thought and action, for the cause of truth restoration of peace and order and in honor

Church Record (Page 135)

August Saturday

Conference opened list called Visiting Brethren invited to seats doors opened for new members none came. Un_____ Business taken up No _____

W. B. Clifton W. J. Mizell messengers N. H. Harrison _____; _____ Contribution 2 Dollers no other bus. Moved to ajourned.

N. H. Harrison, Mod; W. B. Clifton C.C.

Names of Those who stood for the Church of Morattock Primitive Baptist and stood for the Church at our council meeting and did not depart from the faith but stood firm for the church

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| 1. Sarah P. Harrison | 7. Florence Allen |
| 2. Samuel T. Harrison | 8. Sarah R. Hamilton |
| 3. Mary A. Turner | 9. W. J. Mizell |
| 4. Alice L. Bowen | 10. W. B. Clifton |
| 5. Bettie E. Davenport | 11. Mary F.? Harrison |
| 6. Georgia Peel | |

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Sept.

Conference opened in form Proceeded to bus Regular Routin

W. B. Clifton Mod.

S. T. Harrison C.C.

October Meeting

Conferenence opened in form Proceeded to bus, Regular Routine

W. B. Clifton Mod.

S. T. Harrison C.C. Pro Tem

November Conference opened in form This was a Special Conference Called to consider the charge of disorder against Elder N. H. Harrison Conference opened by praise & prayer by Elder W. B. Clifton On mo? Elder J. P. Corbitt chosen Mod the charge was presented by W. B. Clifton which was that on 4th Saturday and Sunday in October Elder Harrison did meet with preach for and affiliate in a church capuclty a number of excluded members of Smithwick Creek Church same being given and Public disorder, Elder Harrison admitted going and preaching for and affiliating with these but refused to admit same in any sense was disorder Elder Harrison refusing to make any acknowledgement of wrong?, stating he would never Page 137 Church Record) do so On mo and second the voice of the Church was takened to withdraw fellowship from Elder Harrison same was done and by a majority of the Church he was excluded from the Church 10 voting for Exclusion 2 voting to return him in fellowship majority being the rule in matters of this nature, Elder Harrison Stands Excluded. Elder J. S. Corbitt, Mod

* W. B. Clerk C.C. - Nov 16. 1929

14 Dec Meeting 1929

Church at Morattock met and Conference opened by prayer & praise Bro. Samuel T. Harrison Sat as Moderator, the Church being in Gospel Order Bro. Elder W. B. Clifton and Sisters Sarah E. Clifton and Lucy D. Bowen asked for and were granted letters of dismission to join some other Church of the Primitive Baptist faith in Gospel Order by Consent of the Church Elder W. B. Clifton was directed to Write and deliver said Letters. Then and there Wm. B. Clifton refused to act any Longer as Clerk.

S. T. Harrison Mod

W. B. Clifton C.C.

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Dec 14 After having granted Letters of Dismission to Bro. W. B. Clifton and Sisters Sarah E. Clifton and Lucy D. Bowen the Church resolved itself into a disorderly body by following N. H. Harrison his disorderly Counsel.

Minutes of Proceeding of Council Meeting

North Carolina Washington County

Wednesday July 9th 1930

Subsequent to a call Made by ten of the members of Morattock Church there assembled at the meeting house of said church Brethern from the following Sister Chiurch Bear Grass Skewarky Smithwick Creek White Plains and Concord together with a majority of members of said Morattock Church and the following Elders W. B. Clifton W. M. Stubbs A. B. Denson B. W. Cowin J. H. Rogerson and J. S. Corbitt to sit together in Council for the purpose of restoring said Morattock Church to her former state and good standing destroyed by the disorderly followers of N. H. Harrison Conference formed by electing Elder Cowin Moderator Elder W. B. Clifton Clerk Messengers from Churches invited to represet Concord A. W. Ambrose J. S. Furlough Jane White Vic. Ambrose Virginia Ange (:) White Plains W. W. Bowen W T. Waters W. M. Stubbs Sarah Stubbs W. B. Clifton and (Church Record page 139) wife (:) Smithwick Creek Pleny Peel Alonzer Rogerson Bro Tice & others (:) Bear Grass Calvin Ayers & others (:) Skewarky J. H. Mizell & others (:) Fall Tar River Elder Denson Elder J. S. Corbett seated on order by Brethern invited to seat. Resolutions called for and read by the Moderator and list of names Minutes of Nov conference read Dec minutes read 1929

Talk by Brother Corbit. Bretheren admonish to stand for the Truth and order of the Church Names of those standing for principal and faith of Primitive Baptist to answer 3 could not be present on account of sickness were recognised. Making 10 in all on Motion door opened for new members or those who stand in disorder who may desire to come back acknowledging their faults. On motion by Elder Denson that after the business of this Conference is over that Elder Harrison be allowed to speak Moderator ask the church to call a clerk sister Mary A. Turner appointed clerk on motion Bro W. J. Mizell chosen Deacon ~~on motion~~ Move made to get the rising vote move by Bro J. A. Rogerson to ordain Bro W. J. Mizell Elder B. S. Cowin & Elder W. B. Clifton appointed as presbtery to lay hands on Brother Mizell as deacon which they proceeded to do on motion Moderator to write a letter stating the standing of this Morattock Primitive baptist church (Church Record Page 140) Sign by the Moderator and Clerk of this Council and to be read in the Union to convene with Rocky Swamp

B. S. Cowin Moderator W. B. Clifton C.C. Mary A. Turner Church Clerk

August 10 - 1930

Conference open in gospel order on motion Elder WB Clifton sit as moderator on motion visiting brethern and sisters from Sister Churches invited to seats with us on motion the door of the Church be open for new members none came forward on motion a letter be written by Bro W. B. Clifton to the union on motion we agreed to commune and wash feet know other business on motion we adjourned ajourn

Mary A. Turner C.C.

Morattock Church Monthly Meeting Sept 13 - 1930

Conference opened in order

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THE NEWS

Published Every Friday

Plymouth, North Carolina

Friday October 21, 1849

Roanoke Low Grounds For Sale

THE subscribers will sell that valuable Lot of Land, lying near the Indian Woods in Bertie County, known as the "Forten Field." The field is in good order, and those desiring to purchase, are referred to the Crop now growing on it. H. G. SPRUILL & Co. Plymouth, N.C. - July 24th 1849. -3w.

Fishery for Lease

The subscriber will Lease to the highest bidder, before the Court House door, in Edenton

On Monday of October Court (unless previously disposed of by private contract) His Fishery On Albemarle Sound, known as North Road, 12 miles below Edenton and 3 above Yeopim River. He will at the same time sell the SEINE, BOATS and APPARATUS necessary to conducting the business, Also, 120 bushels TURKS Island Salt, now in the salt-house, and about 300 Barrels under shelter.

The terms will be made known in the day, and will be most advadtageous to any one wishing to embark in the business.

P. H. WINSTON Attorney and Counsellor at Law, Windsor, N.C. - Will attend the County and Superior Courts holden in the Counties of Tyrrell, Washington, Bertie, Martin and Gates. All business entrusted to his care will be punctually attended to. Address Windsor, N.C.

Wednesday, Dec. 11 1850

A public meeting of the citizens of the County of Washington was held at the Court House in Plymouth on Saturday the 7th day of December, according to a public notice, to take into consideration, the present State of northern aggression on southern Rights.

The meeting was well attended by the citizens, many coming from the most distant parts of the county - and was organized by appointing John G. Williams Esq. Chairman -

On motion of Dr. B. F. Fessenden, F. F. Fagan and H. B. Short Esqrs were appointed Secretaries.

On motion of Gen H. G. Spruill, a Committee of Ten persons were appointed by the Chairman to report resolutions, for the action of the meeting: whereupon the Chair appointed Gen H. G. Spruill, John B. Chesen Esq, Col. E. W. Jones, Dr. H. Hardison, Andrew L. Chesen, D. _ Davenport, W. W. Mizell, Joseph _ Rhodes and J. J. Lindsey Esqrs. And Maj. W. L. Rhodes said committee. The committee retired and in the absence of the committee, the meeting was addressed by E. J. Johnston Esq in which he showed conclusively, that the time had arrived when the South should speak but one voice to the North.

The committee reported through their chairman, Gen. H. G. Spruill, the following resolutions viz: . . .

PLYMOUTH

This city, (population, 4666, in 1960), is the Washington County seat. It is old and historic. A "post-town" in the new Republic of the eighteenth century, it was incorporated in 1807. Its postmasters, W. A. Turner, and William A. Hardison, each drew "annual compensation" less than \$300 in the 1830's. With contemporary Halifax, Tarboro, and Greenville this compared favorably. A gazetteer of 1845 locates Plymouth 162 miles from Raleigh, "situated on the south side of Roanoke River 8 miles from its entrance into Albemarle Sound." Further: "It contains a courthouse, jail, one church, and 778 inhabitants."

Plymouth Disciples of Christ organized as a church by B. H. Melton on April 18, 1897, were enrolled by The North Carolina Christian Missionary Convention on the following October 28, with 70 members. Their first clerks: R. M. Bateman, (1891); Arthur W. Swain, (1901); Foy Gurganus, (1902); M. G. Darden, (1910). In 1897 they paid for preaching, \$90; for State Missions, \$1, increased to \$6 in 1898, and \$12.80 in 1899. Their first church school organized April 25, 1897, enrolled 94, including 7 teachers; A. N. Waters, superintendent; Connie Waters, secretary and treasurer; Vonnie Leggett, organist. It met in the Courthouse. Their Ladies' Aid Society organized in December, 1896, with 20 members, raised half of the salary of J. J. Harper, their forthcoming pastor, and had it in cash reserved for his beginning there. Melton said of these women: "With their union of head and heart which prevails, they will surely be a power for good." Their church property valuation in 1897 was \$1500; in 1930, \$10,000.

An early preacher of the Disciples in Plymouth was A. J. Battle., Recounting his experience there in September, 1855, he stated:

Owing to the strong prejudices excited against me on account of the revision of the Scriptures by the Bible Union toward which I was known to be friendly, I could get but a small congregation to hear me until the last Lord's Day when I had a large turn out of the citizens when I laid before them the true principles of the gospel of Christ. I only baptized one person there.

Eighteen years later, Mrs. Levi S. Jackson, "a Disciple indeed," wife of a local merchant, lived there. The Jacksons entertained J. L. Winfield, evangelist who visited "that little flock of Disciples" in April, 1873. He wrote:

The Baptists kindly offered us their house of worship, and we preached once to a very large and attentive audience. We have no house to worship in, but the band meets in the Court House for communion. Bro. Joe Grey Gurganus preaches for them monthly. He is a terror to partyism, and is working successfully in that place.

More protracted was the service of H. S. Davenport, accompanied by J. F. Sumrell, July 14-24, 1892. Said Sumrell: